

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1060

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Sam M. Colvett upon being named Tennessee's 2007 Outstanding Older Worker.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sam M. Colvett of Alamo is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Colvett was recently named Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year for 2007; along with his fellow honorees, he was recognized for his lifetime of hard work and accomplishment during Experience Works Prime Time Awards Week, October 3-6, 2007, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, working in the fields under the hot sun was a way of life for the young Mr. Colvett who worked on his parents' cotton farm in rural West Tennessee during the 1930s; he learned how to farm and in the process cultivated a strong work ethic from his father, a combat veteran of World War I; and

WHEREAS, those lessons proved to be invaluable, as Sam Colvett was just a teenager when a train accident severely injured his father and the burden of providing for his entire family became his to bear; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his farming chores, Sam Colvett finished high school and learned custom home building and carpentry, thus acquiring more skills to help him support his family; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, and the start of World War II, Mr. Colvett landed his first "public" job at the Navy's construction of a Naval base near Millington; he also attended the

Internal Revenue Service Tax School from 1942 to 1944, and became a certified tax preparer; and

WHEREAS, Sam Colvett still lives on the family farm and has been involved in farming in some capacity for almost eighty-three years; in addition, he worked in construction, became a journeyman in several crafts, and supervised commercial construction for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Colvett has served with acumen and alacrity for sixty-five years in the tax preparation business; last year he prepared taxes for more than 650 individual and business accounts; and

WHEREAS, remarkably, he does not use a computer in his tax preparation business; all work is done by hand on “hard-copy” forms; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure in farming, construction, and tax preparation, Mr. Colvett has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Sam Colvett is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Betty, and their six children and thirty grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, renowned in his community for his generosity, diligence, and humility, Mr. Colvett, a modest gentleman, is most thankful for his Church, family, friends, and a good “nap”; and

WHEREAS, Sam Colvett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to faith, family, and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby congratulate Sam M. Colvett of Alamo upon being named Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year for 2007. We also honor Mr. Colvett's exemplary professional career and his many valuable contributions to his community and thank him for his continued hard work in serving his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.